



*Tell us...*

**Where  
do we  
go from  
here?**

**CALIFORNIA  
TRANSPORTATION  
PLAN**

**2025**

# Where do we go?

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California's population is projected to grow by nearly 50 percent in the next 20 years, from roughly 35 million, to 50 million people. As population continues to increase, we can expect the demand for transportation to increase. Indeed, over the last 30 years, the average vehicle miles traveled per person in California grew roughly three times the rate of population growth. Our challenge is to provide for the transportation needs of the State's growing population and our continued economic prosperity, while maintaining California's quality of life and preserving our unique natural environment.

California's transportation system includes roadways, railways, ferries, public transit, bicycle and pedestrian facilities, air, sea and space-ports. This complex and extensive system provides Californians access to work, schools, recreation, shopping, services, family and friends. It also provides the means to transport goods to local, state, national and global markets.

There are many ways to provide for California's future transportation needs – and probably no ONE WAY is right for our diverse State. As we prepare to meet these future challenges, we need to consider how we manage and maintain the system, how we can get the most out of our investments and how we can increase connectivity between all transportation modes. We also must consider how we design our communities and provide attractive transportation choices.

### What is the vision?

The State of California, in partnership with regional and local transportation providers, is developing a 20-year state transportation plan. The California Transportation Plan (CTP) will provide strategies for meeting our future transportation needs and will identify priorities for spending our limited transportation dollars. The first step in developing the CTP is to generate a vision for the future transportation system, followed by setting goals, objectives, and strategies to realize the vision.

### How shall we meet the challenge together?

In order to provide a transportation system that meets your needs, we need to hear from you. Your comments and concerns will influence California's transportation priorities and help frame the vision for our future transportation system. Please state your preferences and concerns for your future mobility.

Please take a moment to answer the attached transportation questionnaire, and return the postage paid card.

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# go from here?

## What's Important to You?

### A. Traffic Congestion

Commute times and traffic congestion have steadily increased over the years due to various factors including population growth, urban sprawl, decentralization of urban areas, increased vehicle ownership, and fewer transportation choices.



### B. Maintain and Operate the System

The California Department of Finance estimates the value of the existing State Highway System at \$300 billion. This does not include the value of our air, rail and port systems or our local streets and roads. To preserve our investment, the system

must be safely maintained and operated. Transportation system maintenance includes highways, bridges, tunnels,

roadsides, transit vehicles, signs and signals, guardrails, and litter and graffiti removal. Operating the system means, optimizing system performance by monitoring traffic and responding promptly to incidents, and providing the latest traffic, transit and road condition information to travelers so they can make informed choices.



### C. Environmental Issues

Transportation impacts many aspects of our environment – air quality and land-use being

the two most obvious. Motor vehicles contribute approximately half of the smog producing pollutants that

affect our health, reduce crop yield, and limit visibility. The discussion of which comes first – the development or the transportation – continues. We do know that land-use and transportation are closely linked and decisions are made daily that permanently change our landscape. Open spaces provides habitat for wildlife, agriculture and recreation, and buffers urbanized areas from floods, helps filter our water and clean our air.



### D. Livable Communities and Transportation Choices

The livable community concept focuses efforts on promoting environmental quality, improving urban design, economic prosperity and social equity. It encourages communities to balance land-use and provide transportation choices such as walking, biking, driving and using public transportation to access services, schools, recreation and jobs. Providing interconnected transportation choices could reduce commute time, vehicles miles driven, and air pollution, while preserving natural resources, and open spaces.

### E. Moving Goods and Services

Goods movement on our transportation system by truck, rail, and through our seaports and airports has increased substantially over the last 10 years. But with that growth has come increased traffic congestion and safety concerns. Such congestion delays the delivery of goods,

which increases their cost to consumers. Various options are being considered to improve freight



delivery and safety. This includes dedicated truck lanes on high volume shipping routes, advanced electronic transportation systems to enhance safety and reliability, and improved highway interchanges. It also includes new highway/rail grade separations, and support for greater freight movement by rail.



# Transportation Questionnaire

## Here's What I Think...

Please indicate how important these goals are to you, using a scale of 1- 4:

not important = 1; less important = 2; more important = 3;

very important = 4. Circle the number.

- |  | not | → | very |
|--|-----|---|------|
| A. Reduce traffic congestions and commute times.   | 1   | 2 | 3 4  |
| B. Maintain and operate existing transportation systems.   | 1   | 2 | 3 4  |
| C. Reduce emissions from motor vehicles.   | 1   | 2 | 3 4  |
| D. Retain sensitive open spaces, such as parks, agricultural and wet lands.  | 1   | 2 | 3 4  |
| E. Provide mixed land use communities.   | 1   | 2 | 3 4  |
| F. Provide more transportation choices and connectivity between modes such as walking, bicycling or transit.         | 1   | 2 | 3 4  |
| G. Provide separate truck lanes on key routes or other strategies to increase safety & efficiency of goods movement. | 1   | 2 | 3 4  |

## My primary areas of interest (please check a maximum of 3)

- ☐ Highway Congestion
- ☐ Transit
- ☐ ParaTransit
- ☐ Goods Movement
- ☐ Bicycle/Pedestrian
- ☐ Transportation Choice
- ☐ Economy
- ☐ Livable Communities
- ☐ Environment/Habitat

Other important transportation-related issues:

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*Your responses*

will help shape the future of our

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